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With Dr. Joshua Tucker, Professor of Politics, New York University
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President's Corner

Voting Rights and Redistricting: Taking Stands in Hyper Partisan Times

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization that does not support or oppose any political party or candidate. League Positions and Principles form the basis of our advocacy and actions. Currently on the federal level and in states across the country there is legislation and at least one state Constitutional Amendment that would have significant impact on Voting Rights and Redistricting. League support or opposition to those legislative actions are based on our longstanding Positions in these areas and do not indicate support or opposition for any political party. When the League opposes particular legislation, it works through advocacy and education to influence elected officials and the public.

LEAGUE POSITIONS AND PRINCIPLES:

Voting Rights: League Positions include the belief that voting is a fundamental right of citizenship that must be guaranteed. Increased accessibility to the electoral process is integral to ensuring a representative electoral process and the right of every citizen to vote.

Redistricting: The League supports fair district maps that respect and keep communities of interest intact and have been created with input from the public. It opposes partisan and racial gerrymandering. The League supports Independent Redistricting Commissions for congressional district drawing.

LEAGUE SUPPORT OR OPPOSITION FOR CURRENT LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS:

Federal Legislation - For The People Act, H.R.1, which recently passed the House, reflects League Voting Rights and Redistricting principles and has had our strong support. Unfortunately, this legislation garnered not a single Republican vote. The Senate will now take up its own version, Senate Bill 1. The League has called on all members to lobby senators of both parties to support this bill.

State Voting Reform Bills in Republican Majority Legislatures – over 250 bills in 43 states have been assessed as being restrictive to voters, decreasing access and increasing barriers. The League stands in opposition to such bills and encourages citizens to advocate for their rights.

NY Constitutional Amendment to Independent Redistricting Commission – The NYS League has opposed this Democrat-proposed amendment, which was introduced and approved without opportunity for public input in 2020. The League assesses the changes would undermine New York's new Independent Redistricting Commission. It does that by effectively cutting off all minority party influence in the redistricting process and increases the power of the majority party to reject and redraw maps. The League advocated in opposition to this amendment, but it has already passed again this year in both chambers of the Legislature and will now appear on the November ballot for voter approval. The League will engage in public education around this amendment.

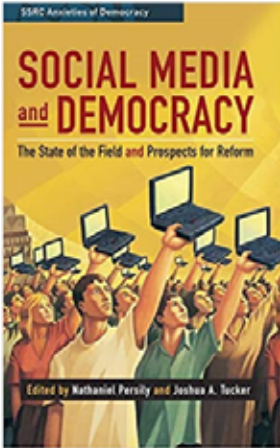
See "*Milestones in U.S. Voting and Voting Rights, 1964 - Present*" on page 6 for further reading suggestions.

Learn more about LWV-RMA's Redistricting Team by contacting Judy Sternberg at jssternberg3b@gmail.com.

In League,
Judith Sternberg
President, LWV-RMA

**Empowering Voters.
Defending Democracy.**

**Help Protect the Future of Democracy.
Join the League of Women Voters.**



Social Media & Democracy

Four Things We've Learned that Might Surprise You

Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 5:30 P.M.
From the comfort of home via Zoom



Hate Speech! Polarization! Misinformation! What can we do?

We've been made aware recently of the threat to democracy caused by fake news, foreign influence campaigns, hate speech on Twitter, and the impact of Facebook on ethnic polarization.

Join Professor Joshua Tucker, the Co-Director of NYU's Center for Social Media and Democracy, and co-editor of the recently published *Social Media and Democracy: The State of the Field and Prospects for Reform** for a presentation of recent research on these issues, much of which will challenge what you thought you knew about social media's complicated relationship with the political sphere.

Also addressed will be the urgent need to make sure that researchers are able to access the data necessary to inform the public about social media's impact on society, and the ways in which the League of Women Voters can play a role in ensuring this happens.

**Social Media and Democracy: The State of the Field and Prospects for Reform* (Cambridge University Press, 2020) available at: <https://www.amazon.com/Social-Media-Democracy-Prospects-Anxieties/dp/1108812899> or <https://m.barnesandnoble.com/w/social-media-and-democracy-nathaniel-persily/1137128786> or through your local bookstore.

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Save the Date!

April 29th @ 6:30 PM

People Powered Fair Maps Day of Action

LWVNYS is organizing a Virtual People's Hearing and will be inviting members of the public and partner organizations to "testify" about why redistricting matters to them and their community. Members of the NYS Legislature and the Redistricting Commission will be invited to watch this webinar.

Additional information and registration link will be available soon. Watch your Inbox!

Advocacy Meetings with our NYS Assemblymembers and Senators

LWV-RMA members have been meeting virtually with the Assemblymembers and Senators who represent Monroe County in Albany. The meetings have three purposes:

- to introduce the new legislators and staff members to the League of Women Voters (many were very familiar with the League);
- to inform them of LWVNYS legislative priorities and ask their position on the issues;
- to find out their priorities for this legislative session.

Since all the legislators have very crowded schedules during this year's budget season, we were limited to 30-minute meetings. As a result, we restricted our discussion of LWVNYS priorities to two: funding for the Independent Redistricting Commission and adequate funding for the Election Reforms that were passed in previous sessions and for any new reforms that are enacted. Thus far we have met with Senators Brouk and Gallivan, and Assemblymembers Harry Bronson, Sarah Clark, Josh Jensen, Jen Lunsford and Demond Meeks. We are still working on scheduling a meeting with Senator Cooney.

LWV-RMA members participating in the meetings this year are: Mary Jo Bonin, Scott Forsyth, Deb Gordon, Barbara Grosh, Barbara Murphy, Elaine Schmidt, Katherine Smith, Judy Wadsworth and Judy Weinstein. It's great to see how many newer members joined us!

Judy Weinstein, Government/Advocacy Chair

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TOP ROW: NYS lawmakers who met with LWV-RMA members. ROWS 2-3: NYS lawmakers' staff members who met with LWV-RMA members. ROWS 4-5: LWV-RMA members who met with NYS lawmakers and their aides.

Candidate Forums and Vote411

Spring is here so it's time to start planning our Candidate Forums as well as Vote411, the League of Women Voters' interactive, community-specific online voter's guide. We would like to expand our teams for these important services that we provide to the community. Please contact me if you are interested in helping with either project.

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It's hard to reach people who don't even know there's an election coming up. But there's one cheap and effective way to do it: social media advertising. Last year LWV-RMA spent \$725 on social media, and we were able to reach 159,378 people on Facebook alone. We are looking for people with a passion for reaching out to help us carry the news of local elections this year. Take a look at what we produced last year. If you'd like to help now, please reach out to Barbara Grosh, Director of Voter Services, voterservices@lwv-rma.org. Training is available on every aspect of social media, from making a plan to producing a post to how to promote the post and budget appropriately.



Milestones in U.S. Voting and Voting Rights, 1964 - Present

June 1964: Mississippi Freedom Summer (to register voters)

Michael Schwerner, Andrew Goodman, and James Chaney, summer workers, are found dead.

1964: 24th Amendment ratified. It forbids poll taxes in any elections for U.S. President, Vice President, Senator and House of Representatives.

August 1965: President Johnson signs the Voting Rights Act.

U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and Southern states reports "...a massive impact on black registration in the South."

1993: National Voter Registration Act expanded access by requiring states to allow voter registration through the mail, when applying for a driver's license and at offices offering public assistance. In the first year of its implementation more than 30 million people completed or updated registrations through these means.

2013 Supreme Court: Shelby County v. Holder

The Court's decision in this case ended the power of the Justice Department to require nine states (most in the South) and parts of six other states to submit for approval any proposed change in voting procedures – to ensure that a change would not harm minority voters.

October 2014: "State Judge Deals Setback to Wisconsin Voter ID Law" (NY Times).

July 2016: "Texas ID Law Discriminates Against Minority Voters" (NY Times).

September 2016: "Voting Suppression in North Carolina." (NY Times).

September 2016: "Justice Department and Advocacy Groups Accuse Texas of Misleading Voters Without IDs." (NY Times)

January 2018: "Pennsylvania District Map Is Ruled Unconstitutional." (NY Times)

August 2018: "Proposal to Close 7 of 9 Polling Places In Rural County...Georgia." (NY Times)

October 2019: "Ohio Planned to Purge 235,000 Voters..." (NY Times)

March 2021: "Republicans in at least 43 states are trying to roll back laws that increase access to the ballot box." (NY Times)

March 2021: "Black Voters Could Bear Brunt of G.O.P.-Led Clampdown in Georgia." (NY Times)

March 2, 2021: Brnovich v. Democratic National Committee reaches U.S. Supreme Court

The U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments related to Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. Arizona appealed two Arizona laws struck down in 2020 by the U.S. Court of Appeals: 1) Ballots are disqualified if voters cast them in the wrong precinct; 2) Ballots are disqualified if turned in by anyone who is not a family member, household member, or caregiver.

Though not specifically mentioned in Section 2, these Arizona laws seem to defy the general intent and protections guaranteed by Section 2 which prohibits voting practices or procedures that discriminate on the basis of race, color, or membership in one of the language minority groups.

March 2021: House Democrats pass a landmark Voting Rights expansion

The bill would weaken restrictive ID laws, would mandate automatic registration, would expand early and mail-in voting, would make harder the purging of voting rolls, and would give voting rights to former felons.

For a summary of current voter access issues, see "No Margin for Error in a Fight Against Voting Restrictions." New York Times, p. A15. March 15, 2021. <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/03/15/us/voting-rights-advocates-filibuster.html>

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LWV-RMA Board Meets via Zoom

In spite of the pandemic, members of the LWV-RMA Board have continued to meet via Zoom to plan and lead our efforts.



Book Club Update

During its March 18 Zoom session, Georgie DeGregorio led members in a discussion of *Begin Again* by Eddie S. Glaude, Jr.

Remaining 2020 – 2021 book reading schedule:

April 15 *How To Be An Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi

May 20 *Walking with the Wind: A Memoir of the Movement* by John Lewis

June 17 *Tightrope: Americans Reaching for Hope* by Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl Wu Dunn.

The LWV-RMA book club meets via Zoom at 4:30 P.M. on the third Thursday of the month. A link will be sent to everyone who expresses an interest to Judy Weinstein (vote411@lwv-rma.org), who serves as the group's Zoom techie.

Book club members meeting
via Zoom in March



League of Women Voters of Rochester Metropolitan Area and
the Finger Lakes Braver Angels Workgroup present



Braver Angels

**“Reuniting America”
Documentary Film Screening & Discussion**

A new way of talking politics

Wednesday, April 7, 7:00 8:40PM EDT

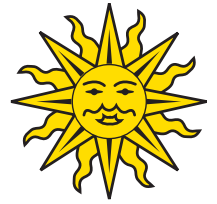
Register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/film-screening-braver-angels-documentary-finger-lakes-ba-lwv-rochester-registration-146694211335>

Sunshine Corner

RCSD BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS MEETING

JANUARY 21, 2021 OBSERVED BY CONSTANCE FLAHIVE



Reports were received from Alison Meyer, RCSD Associate Counsel (on Preliminary Settlement of the Special Education Class Action Lawsuit/(N.N. vs RCSD); Student Leadership Congress; Parent Leadership Advisory Council; Bilingual Education Council representatives; and Board Committees of Equity and Student Achievement, Finance, Policy and Governance.

Superintendent Myers-Small's updated the Board on reopening of schools for approximately 300 students on January 5. She noted that she requested that the Health and Safety Group of the Finger Lakes' Reopening Schools Safely Task Force expedite an audit of the RCSD plans.

Myers-Small also announced the 2020 graduation rate of 68.2%, an increase of 5.2% over the 2019 rate. In addition, she reviewed her goals and work she has done to meet those goals. East High School Superintendent Shaun Nelms acknowledged events and groups for the work supporting students and developing culturally relevant curriculum. He reported that the graduation rate at East High School was 78.1% (an increase over 5 years from 33%) and that the dropout rate had decreased to 15%.

The meeting ended with the approval of Resolutions (to be listed in the minutes published online once approved).

Full minutes of RCSD board meetings are accessible at [Board Meeting Minutes / 2020-21 Board Meeting Minutes \(rcsdk12.org\)](#)

RCSD BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS MEETING

FEBRUARY 25, 2021 OBSERVED BY CONSTANCE FLAHIVE

Reports were received from the Student Leadership Congress, Parent Leadership Advisory Council and the Bilingual Education Council, as well as Board Committees of Equity and Student Achievement, Community and Intergovernmental, Finance, Governance, Human Resources and Policy. The Governance Committee indicated that the Board self-evaluation will take place during a March special meeting. The Policy Committee stated it is presenting policy changes that will be voted on in the current meeting as resolutions 689-691 (they were approved). President White reported that he is attending Administrative and Community meetings. VP Elliot will attend the Facilities Modernization Committee meetings.

Superintendent Myers-Small provided an update of RCSD progress on benchmarks indicated in State Monitor Dr. Shelley Jallow's report which was approved by NYS. Myers-Small said that she and Dr. Jallow were working toward "shifting the mindset and focus for both Academic success and fiscal stability." She reported on items that were 'on target' for both the Academic (Talent Development, Instructional Transformation, Culture Shift, and Systems, Resources & Structures) and the Financial (General Fiscal Practice, Governance & Programmatic Decision Making, Budget Development Recommendations, Organizational Structure & Internal Operational Efficiency and Transportation) reports. Dr. Jallow indicated that her next step was to review the district report and submit her reaction to the state by March 17. The next RCSD report is due May 15, 2021. There was consensus to dedicate a board meeting to reviewing that report (and ongoing reports) prior to submission to Dr. Jallow and the state.

East High School Superintendent Shaun Nelms' report celebrated student and staff efforts during Black History Month. He noted that the East reopening on February 25 using a Hybrid Model was a success and thanked the East team that worked to get it right.

The meeting ended with the approval of Resolutions (to be listed in the minutes published online once approved). The policy resolutions mentioned earlier were approved without discussion.

NOTE: Several upcoming meetings regarding the Budget Process and deliberation:

March 11: Budget Process Webinar with opportunities to ask questions

March 16, 18: Finance Committee discussions

March 22: State Monitor Budget Presentation to BoE

March 23: Board deliberations of State Monitor presentation

April 8: Public Budget Hearing

April 27: Special Meeting designated as a Budget Event

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PAB MEETING SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY - MARCH 2021

REPORTED BY DEBORAH RICE GORDON



MEETING OF 2/25

The following statement was read by Chair Shani Wilson:

"The PAB extends its condolences to the family of Daniel Prude and all those struggling with today's news. Throughout our city's history, criminal prosecutions have failed to deliver justice for Black and Brown people harmed by police. This fact is why our community overwhelmingly voted to create a new system to hold the police accountable: the PAB. Every failure to deliver justice for officer wrongdoing proves that the PAB needs to have its disciplinary powers returned, its investigations unimpeded, and its work fully funded."

OVERVIEW AND UPDATES SINCE LAST MEETING

Investigation into pepper spraying of 9-yr old

Two core questions were discussed: what caused the police to use pepper spray and how can this be avoided in future. PAB's goals are to determine and communicate facts to the public and propose changes to police policy and then push for implementation. The Board cannot determine what happened and why with the limited information provided to date. The city will meet with PAB tomorrow to discuss the situation. The city has released a draft plan that would ban the use of irritants on people under the age of 16 and in certain other situations (e.g., elders), and ban officers from handcuffing anyone under the age of 13 unless they present a danger to themselves or others.

NEW YORK'S ATTORNEY GENERAL REPORT AND MEETING

In a press conference in Rochester, Attorney General (AG) Letitia James announced that a grand jury voted not to indict the Rochester police officers involved in the death of Daniel Prude. The PAB will meet with the Attorney General virtually next week. PAB asked for community input for questions via Facebook, YouTube or email. Students from University at Buffalo and Yale Law Schools were in attendance. They will be doing policy and procedure development work for PAB and will present proposals in April to May timeframe.

Eighty applications have been received for two staff positions. Interviews will begin next week.

Outside counsel candidates were discussed in an Executive Session.

MEETING OF MARCH 4, 2021

Recent meetings have been held with the Mayor, City Council members, the Rochester Police Department (RPD) and legal counsels involving the PAB's request for complete information pertaining to the pepper spraying incident. There is disagreement between parties as to what PAB can request and what is relevant. The PAB position is that its Charter clearly allows them to request any information and that the city is obliged to satisfy the request in full; this was confirmed by City Corporation Counsel. However, the city called for a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to be created by attorneys in the City Law Department to facilitate the transfer of information. Executive Director Reynolds will speak with the attorney drafting the MOU tomorrow and will continue to work on securing independent counsel. An Executive Session was called to discuss unredacted body worn camera footage for another incident.

MEETING OF MARCH 11, 2021

The history of Crisis Intervention Services in Rochester was presented by Executive Director Reynolds.

Dr. Daniele Lyman-Torres presented an overview of the current Person in Crisis (PIC) Team. The team was created to add a first responder team in lieu of law enforcement to implement de-escalation, assessment and referral on selective calls. Board members asked a number of questions about PIC team processes and utilization. The Board discussed the information provided and potential follow-up actions. Executive Director Reynolds cited the lack of monetary and staff resources as barriers to conducting investigations.

For additional information on PAB meetings, go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WwsYppvAnz0>

Full minutes of PAB meetings are accessible at City of Rochester | Police Accountability Board

Sunshine Corner

MONROE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

MARCH 9, 2021 OBSERVED BY ELAINE SCHMIDT



The 2021–2026 Capitol Improvement Budget was amended to add a project entitled “Frontier Field Major League Baseball Requirements” in the amount of \$1 million after discussion. The improvements to Frontier Field were the result of new requirements by Major League Baseball. The legislature also authorized \$1 million in bonds to fund the improvements.

The Daily Record and the Rochester Business Journal are designated the official newspapers for Monroe County for 2021 for the publication of all laws, notices, and other matters required by law to be published. The Legislature added the The Minority Reporter as an additional newspaper for the publication of public bids and request for proposals and for the publication of notices required under chapter 635 of the Monroe County Code regarding in-rem tax foreclosure.

The Legislature authorized the County Executive to execute a contract with Securus Technologies to provide collect-phone and tablet services to inmates and a limited number of phone calls at no cost to the inmates at the Monroe County Jail and the Andrew P. Meloni S.T.A.R. Academy through April 30, 2025.

In accordance with New York State Executive Order 203, the police reform and reinvention plan was adopted by the Legislature. Details of the plan can be found on the County website under the County Legislature tab: Resolutions and Referrals.

The Legislature authorized the County Executive to accept \$15,900,965.70 from the United States Department of Treasury for Emergency Rent Assistance for the Monroe County Eviction Prevention Pilot Initiative 2.0. The evictions must be COVID-related.

Dr. Deanna Kimbrel was confirmed as Director of the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

Full minutes of Monroe County Legislature meetings are accessible at [Agendas & Minutes | Monroe County, NY](#)

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON RACIAL AND STRUCTURAL EQUITY (RASE) RELEASED

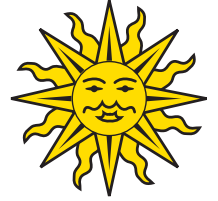
The Commission on Racial and Structural Equity established by the City of Rochester and County of Monroe has released its report that includes recommendations for remedying identified problems. Nearly 40 specific recommendations are found under the following five areas of Systemic Solutions:

- Create and invest in sustainable economic opportunities in Black and Latinx communities to promote and maintain self-sufficiency, entrepreneurship and career advancement.
- Implement and incentivize practices and programs that increase racial/ethnic diversity and cultural competence of employees, vendors, and contractors.
- End practices that disproportionately drain resources from Black and Latinx communities.
- Decentralize services and embed them in trusted agencies throughout the community.
- Embed accountability measures in all policies to ensure equity and fairness across all services, programs, and delivery models.

To enact the proposed recommendations, Mayor Warren and County Executive Bello will select recommendations that they, or City Council and/or the County Legislature, can put into practice. Then, a successor to the Commission would be identified to govern the implementation process, as well as a plan to ensure that any new policies requiring additional funds, state or federal action, is met.

Full report accessible at [No Time for Excuses: It's Time for Action \(rocrase.com\)](#)

Sunshine Corner



SUMMARY OF FEBRUARY COMIDA BOARD MEETINGS **SUBMITTED BY DEBORAH RICE GORDON**

FEBRUARY 9TH COMIDA BOARD MEETING

COMIDA released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Real Estate and Broker Services needed for the sale of three parcels in Riga. One response was received. The Board decided to look at past commissions paid by the County and consider industry standards before determining the next step.

The Board began a discussion of COMIDA's housing policy, focusing on defining community needs and the best use of tax incentives. The board decided to conduct research into other Industrial Development practices and discuss findings when available.

SUMMARY OF FEBRUARY 16TH COMIDA BOARD MEETING

The following projects requesting sales tax exemptions and/or real property and mortgage tax abatements were approved:

* PLUG POWER INC for the acquisition and renovation of a 12.05-acre parcel of land and building at 1025 John Street, Henrietta;

* WF ELMRIDGE for the acquisition and renovation of approximately 35 acres of land located at 3580, 3740 and 3780 West Ridge Road (formerly a Tops plaza) in the Town of Greece.

Project modifications

The following requests were approved:

American Packaging Corp project in Chili - extension of the sales tax exemption;

SimuTech Group, Inc., Penfield - extension of the sales tax exemption;

Johns Street Realty LLC - assumption of real property tax abatement from Johns St Realty LLC to Wire Grass Parkway LLC for their project in Henrietta.

Discussion Items

Todd Oldham, Director of Economic Development, Workforce and Career Technical Education at MCC reported on the Mpower program (previously the Ladders Up Program) which is a joint venture with MCC, COMIDA and area businesses focusing on short-cycle training. About 1200 people have received training over the past three years. Types of programs have included health care, advanced manufacturing, project management, heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) and welding. A new training site is being planned for the Downtown MCC campus which will focus on expanding the supply of qualified technicians in IT and skilled trades.

Full minutes of COMIDA meetings are accessible at

[Board Meetings | Monroe County Economic Development \(monroecountybusiness.org\)](https://monroecountybusiness.org/Board-Meetings)



Fannie Barrier Williams: A Lesser-Known Suffragist from Our Area

Frances (Fannie) Barrier was born in Brockport to one of only a few black families residing there in 1855. Fannie would look back on her youth as a time of innocence, and thought that these childhood experiences of “social equality” ill-prepared her for the racism she faced in adulthood. In 1870, Fannie was the first African American woman to graduate from Brockport State Normal School (now SUNY College at Brockport). After graduation, she taught in the South, where she was “shattered” by the discrimination she encountered. In 1887, she married Samuel Laing Williams. The couple moved to Chicago where Samuel opened a law practice with Ferdinand Barnett, husband of suffragist Ida B. Wells Barnett.

Fannie became very active among Chicago reformers. An associate of both Frederick Douglass and Booker T. Washington, she lectured frequently on the need for all women - but especially black women - to have the right to vote. She worked for the Hyde Park Colored Voters Republican Club and the Taft Colored League. Fannie helped to found the National League of Colored Women in 1893 and its successor, the National Association of Colored Women (NACW) in 1896. She was also among the founders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and worked with suffragist Mary Church Terrell to create the National Federation of Afro-American Women in 1895. She was the only black American selected to eulogize Susan B. Anthony at the 1907 National American Woman Suffrage Association convention.

Upon her death in 1944 she was buried in the Brockport (High Street) Cemetery. In 2014, SUNY Brockport named the Fannie Barrier Williams Women of Courage Scholarship in her honor. It is awarded to students with a 3.0 or higher GPA, and the requirements include an essay about the applicant’s commitment to social justice.

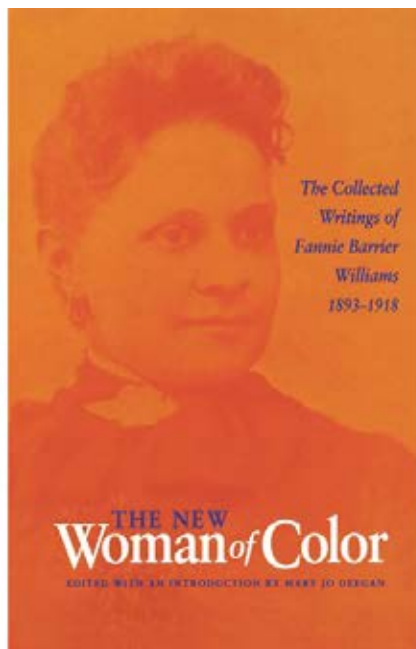
Resources:

Dr. Barbara LeSavoy, SUNY Brockport. “Annie Barrier Williams.” Women and the Vote NYS.

Fannie Barrier Williams (womenandthevotenys.com)

Fannie Barrier Williams. Wikipedia

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fannie_Barrier_Williams



Portraits of Annie Barrier Williams dated 1880 and 1885 with the cover of a book of her writings.



Calendar



April

- 1 Forum with Board of Elections Commissioners (7:00 P.M.) via Zoom. Register at <http://www.lwv-rma.org/>.
- 2 First Friday (11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.) via Zoom; a link will be sent to members via email.
- 13 Forum: Social Media & Democracy (5:30 P.M.) via Zoom. Register at <http://www.lwv-rma.org/>.
- 14 LWV-RMA Board Meeting (6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.) via Zoom. Contact Judy Sternberg at jsternberg3b@gmail.com for link.
- 15 Book Club (4:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.) via Zoom; *How to be an Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi. Contact Judy Weinstein at vote411@lwv-rma.org for link.
- 29 People Powered Fair Maps Day of Action: Virtual People's Hearing (6:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.) via Zoom. Registration information to follow via email.

May

- 7 First Friday (11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.) via Zoom; a link will be sent via email.
- 12 LWV-RMA Board Meeting (6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.) via Zoom. Contact Judy Sternberg at jsternberg3b@gmail.com for link.
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June

- 2 Last day for voter registration for primary election.
- 3 Save the Date! LWV-RMA Annual Meeting (time TBD).
- 4 First Friday (11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.) via Zoom; a link will be sent to members via email.
- 9 LWV-RMA Board Meeting (6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.) via Zoom. Contact Judy Sternberg at jsternberg3b@gmail.com for link.
- 12-20 Early Voting.
- 15 Deadline at 5:00 P.M. to apply for primary absentee ballot.
- 17 Book Club (4:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.) via Zoom; *Tightrope: Americans Reaching for Hope* by Nicholas D. Kristof & Sheryl Wu Dunn. Contact Judy Weinstein at vote411@lwv-rma.org for link.
- 22 Primary Election Day.

Voting by Mail Dates:

- 6/15 Last day to postmark, email or fax application or letter for primary ballot.
- 6/21 Last day to apply in person for primary ballot.
- 6/22 Last day to postmark primary election ballot. Must be received by the county board no later than June 29th).
- 6/22 Last day to deliver primary ballot in person to your county board or your poll site, by close of polls.

There are no scheduled public Naturalization Ceremonies for 2021 due to the pandemic.

Be sure to check your email and our website for other events as they are scheduled!

Join First Friday Electronically

Because of the pandemic, First Friday convenes via Zoom. Shown are participants in the March 5 session. Join the group for informal conversations on any or all of the dates listed—for a few minutes or for the full two hours, your choice:

April 2
May 7

June 4

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Board of Directors meetings are currently via Zoom. Board meetings are open to all members. See calendar for dates and times and contact Judy Sternberg for link.

Forums are open to the public. Calendar information is subject to change.

For more complete information, consult our website at www.LWV-RMA.org, call 262-3730 or e-mail us at info@lwv-rma.org

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MAY VOTER DEADLINE IS APRIL 15!

League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, political organization which encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League does not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

The League of Women Voters is an organization fully committed to diversity, equity and inclusion in principal and in practice.

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